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| Title:           | SCALABLE HIERARCHICAL DATA-DRIVEN NAVIGATION<br>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL |                   |                 |

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 11, 2009, a Request for Continued Examination having been filed herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.